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When SONIC blows a fuse, there can be only extraordinary outcome...SUPER SONIC!
PLUS!
KNUCKLES!
TAILS!
& SONIC'S WORLD!

DATA ZONE

NEW READERS START HERE!

Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!

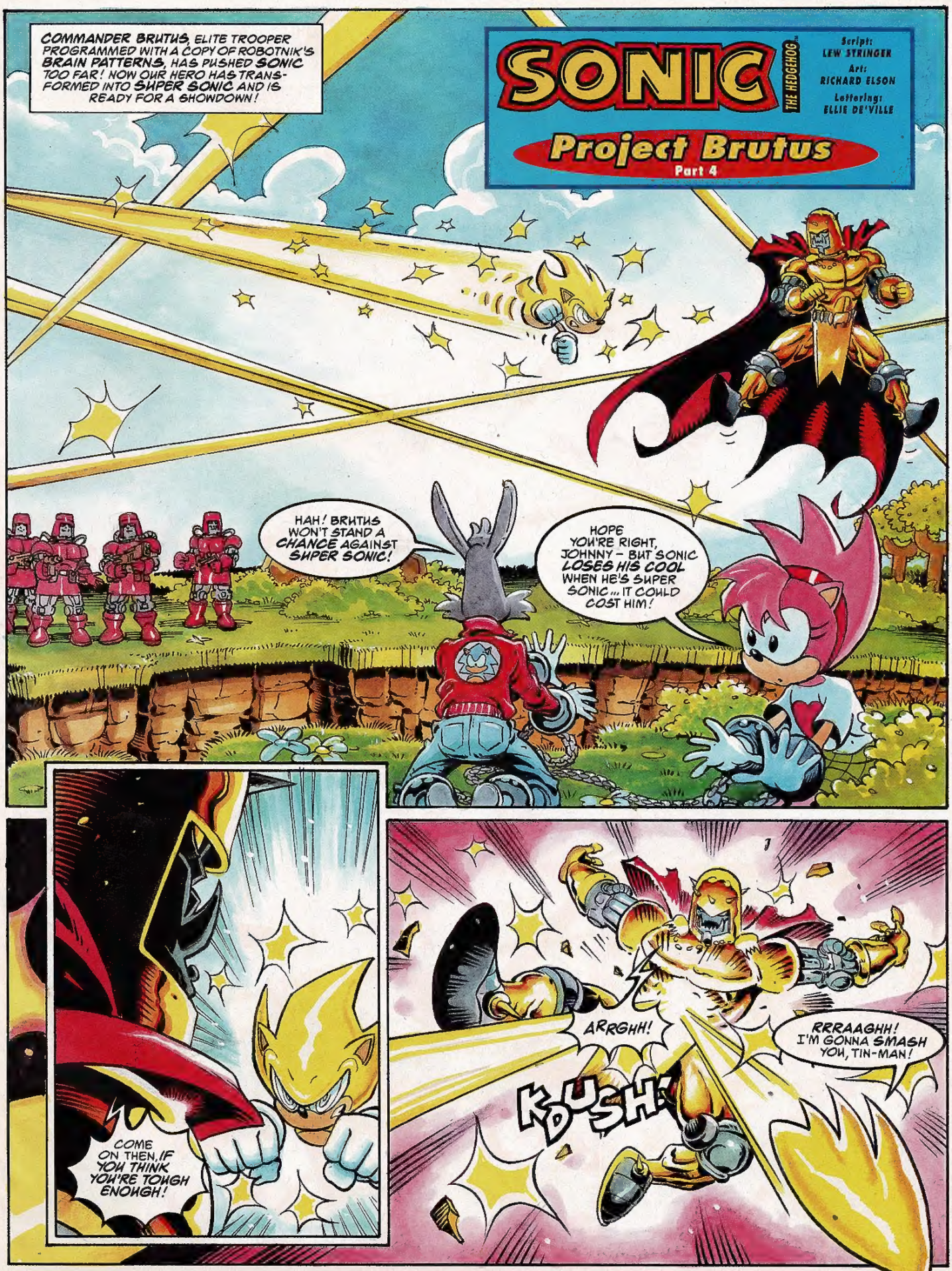
Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

GRIMER

Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!


COMMANDER BRUTUS, ELITE TROOPER PROGRAMMED WITH A COPY OF ROBOTNIK'S BRAIN PATTERNS, HAS PUSHED SONIC TOO FAR! NOW OUR HERO HAS TRANSFORMED INTO SUPER SONIC AND IS READY FOR A SHOWDOWN!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Project Brutus
Part 4
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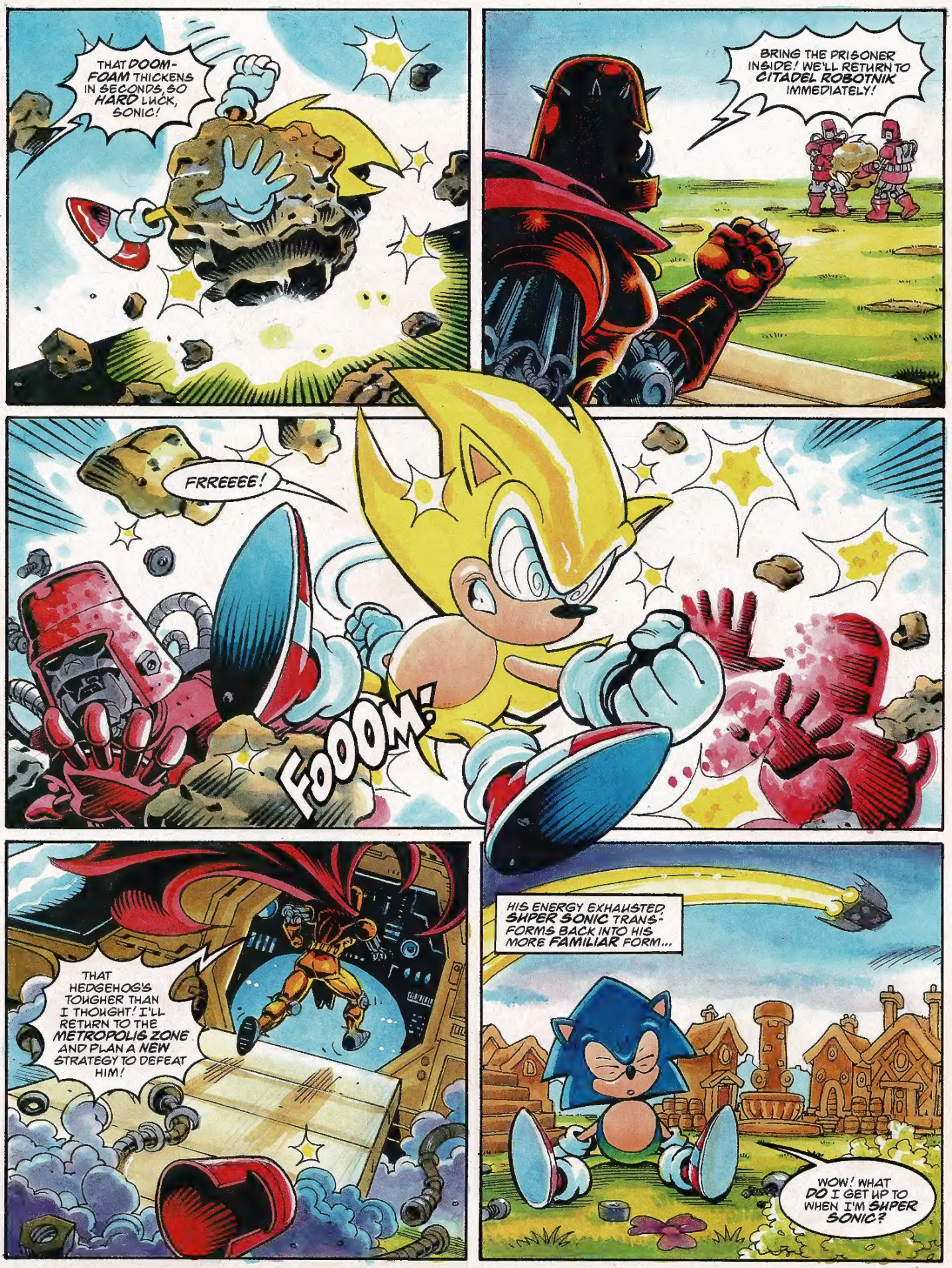
HAH! BRUTUS WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST SUPER SONIC!
HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY - BUT SONIC LOSES HIS COOL WHEN HE'S SUPER SONIC... IT COULD COST HIM!
COME ON THEN, IF YOU THINK YOU'RE TOUGH ENOUGH!
ARRGHH!
KDUSH!
RRRAAGHH! I'M GONNA SMASH YOU, TIN-MAN!

GNNHH! IMPOSSIBLE! HE HAS THE POWER TO DAMAGE MY ARMOUR NOW!
KRAAK!
I WILL NOT BE BEATEN BY A HYPERACTIVE YELLOW HEDGE-HOG!
GET BACK, CREEP!
SILENCE, TEETH-ACHE! SONIC WON'T ATTACK ME WHILE I HAVE AMY CAPTIVE!
UHHNN!
THINK AGAIN, BIN-FACE! SONIC CAN BE A DANGER TO ALL OF US WHEN HE'S SUPER SONIC!
HE ... HE'S NOT GOING TO STOP!
STAY BAAACK!

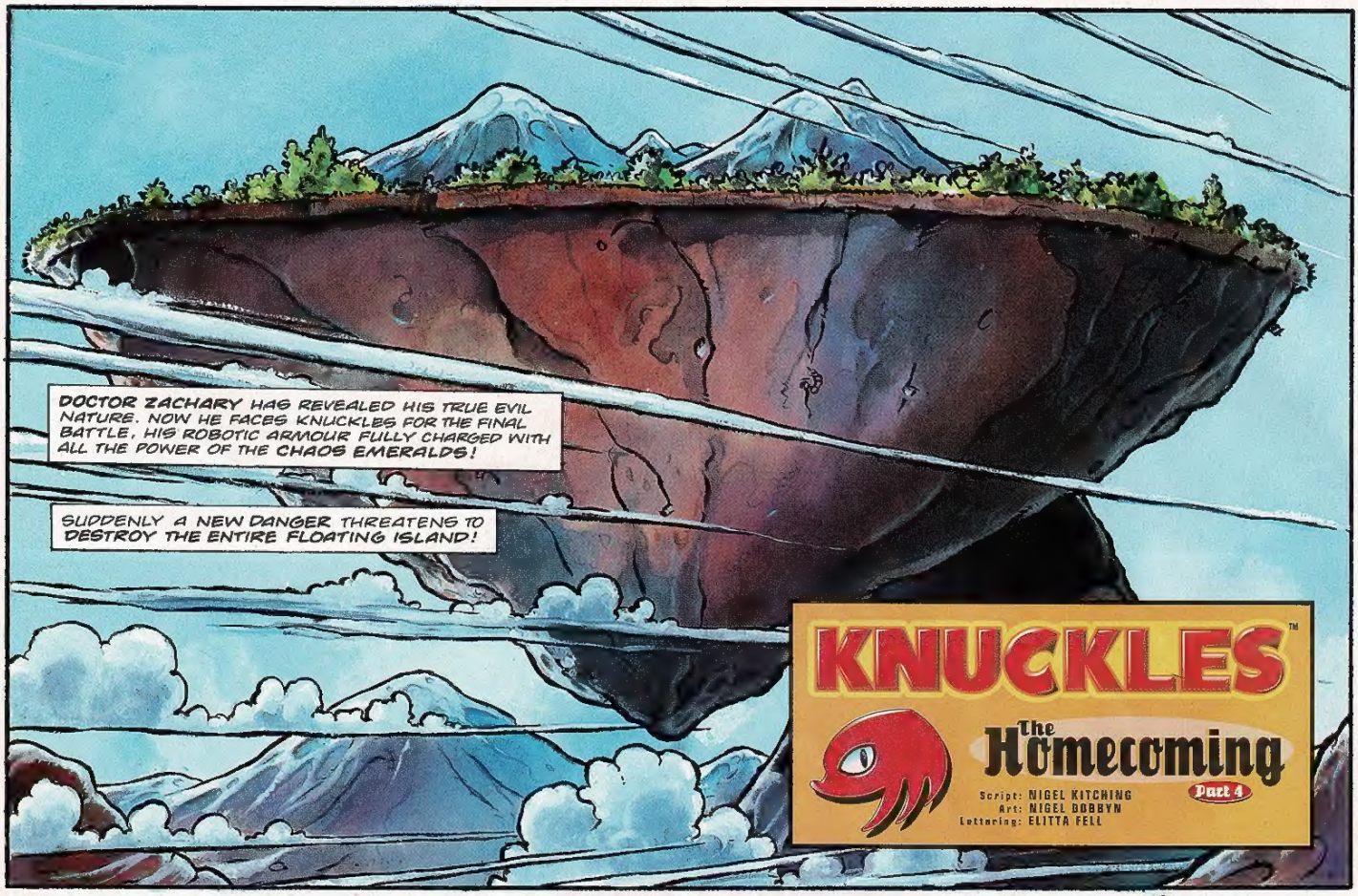
DOOOOMM!
AARRRHH!
DESTROYYYY!
THAT DOES IT! NO MORE MISTER NICE GHY!
DID WE MISS SOME-THING, ROBOT-FEATURES?
FOLLOW ME, SUPER SONIC ... IF YOH DARE!
NO! SONIC! YOH'LL BE OHT-NUMBERED!
TROOPERS! FIRE!
BDJMM!
BDJMM!
IT'S NO GOOD COMMANDER! HE'S TOO FAST!

SKRASH!
DUF!
BWAF!
DESTROYYYY! DESTROYYYY!
HE'S VERY ... EFFICIENT AS SUPER SONIC, ISN'T HE?
YEAH ... BUT I PREFER HIM MORE LAID-BACK!
THE SHIP IS READY TO ESCORT THE PRISONERS, COMMANDER. ER ... WHERE ARE THEY, SIR?
NEVER YOU MIND! GET THE FOAM CANNON OPERATIONAL-NOW!
A LITTLE CLOSER, SONIC - AND THINGS COULD GET VERY STICKY FOR YOU!
SPRUTCH!


THAT DOOM-FOAM THICKENS IN SECONDS, SO HARD LUCK, SONIC!
BRING THE PRISONER INSIDE! WE'LL RETURN TO CITADEL ROBOTNIK IMMEDIATELY!
FRREEEE!
FOOOM!
THAT HEDGEHOG'S TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT! I'LL RETURN TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE AND PLAN A NEW STRATEGY TO DEFEAT HIM!
HIS ENERGY EXHAUSTED, SUPER SONIC TRANSFORMS BACK INTO HIS MORE FAMILIAR FORM...
WOW! WHAT DO I GET UP TO WHEN I'M SUPER SONIC?

IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE MADE A FEW TROOPERS' HEADS SPIN, ANYWAY!
LOOK, AMY! IT'S SONIC!
HOW WILL HE JOIN US NOW THE BRIDGE IS DOWN?
STAY COOL, PALS! AFTER WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, THIS IS A BREEZE!
SPIN!
HAS ANYBODY BROUGHT A CAMERA?
COOL!
I EXPECT YOU'LL WANT APPLAUSE NOW!
TOO RIGHT!
I'M GLAD BRUTUS THE BRUTE HAS GONE!
YEAH, BUT I'VE A FEELING HE'S SAVING HIMSELF FOR A RAINY DAY!

CITADEL ROBOTNIK, HOURS LATER...
WHERE IS BRUTUS? I ORDERED HIM TO MY OFFICE TWENTY MINUTES AGO!
I--I'M SURE HE HAS A GOOD REASON FOR BEING LATE, DOCTOR!
ABOUT TIME, ROBOT!
I APOLOGISE FOR MY LATENESS, DOCTOR! MY BODYWORK NEEDED REPAIRING!
YOUR FIRST MISSION HAS FAILED, BRUTUS! I TOLD YOU TO BRING SONIC TO ME WHEN YOU CAPTURED HIM AND YOU DISOBEYED...
WITH RESPECT, DOCTOR... I AM PROGRAMMED WITH YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS! IN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU WOULD HAVE ACTED THAT WAY!
BAH! REMEMBER YOU ARE JUST A ROBOT, BRUTUS! NOW GET OUT AND WORK ON A NEW PLAN OF ATTACK!
AT ONCE, SIR.
ROBOTNIK FORGETS THAT WHEN HE PROGRAMMED ME, I INHERITED HIS PERSONALITY AND HIS AMBITION! ONE DAY I'LL TAKE CONTROL AND I'LL RULE PLANET MOBIUS!
KEEP A LOOK-OUT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS!
NEXT ISSUE: THE RETURN OF CHAOTIX!


DOCTOR ZACHARY HAS REVEALED HIS TRUE EVIL NATURE. NOW HE FACES KNUCKLES FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, HIS ROBOTIC ARMOUR FULLY CHARGED WITH ALL THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
SUDDENLY A NEW DANGER THREATENS TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE FLOATING ISLAND!
KNUCKLES™
The Homecoming
Part 4
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
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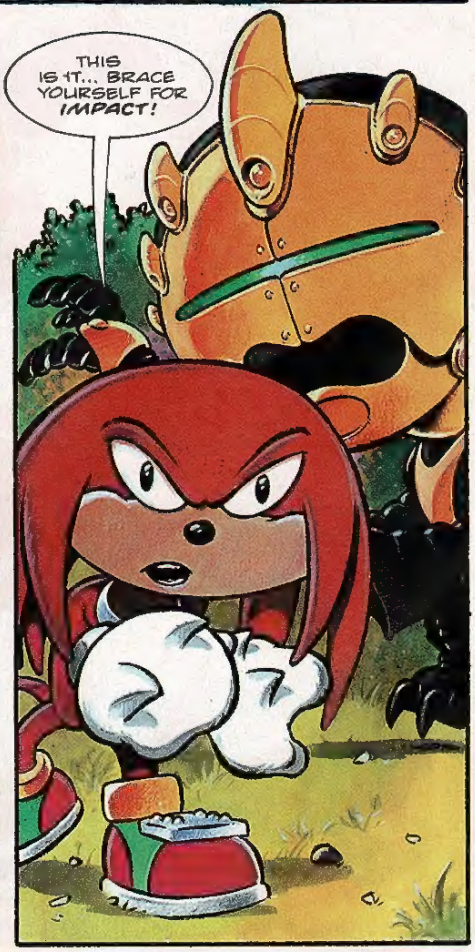
WE'RE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE MOUNTAINS! NOW THE MASTER EMERALD'S DESTROYED, THE FLOATING ISLAND CAN'T REMAIN IN THE SKY!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!

ELSEWHERE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, THE EMERALD HILL FOLK CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR NEW DWELLINGS BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF THE DISASTER TO COME...


THIS IS IT... BRACE YOURSELF FOR IMPACT!

KROOOM!
THE SHOCK WAVES HIT EVERY PART OF THE FLOATING ISLAND LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
RMMMMBLLLL!
RMMMMBLLLL!
CURSE YOU, KNUCKLES... IF YOU HADN'T DAMAGED THIS ARMOUR I COULD HAVE FLOWN TO SAFETY!

WH... WHAT? IT'S STOPPED!
THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS STOPPED DEAD!
"WE MUST BE STUCK ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN... BUT WE WON'T STAY HERE FOR LONG!
"AS THE LAST OF THE EMERALD POWER DRAINS FROM THE ISLAND, IT WILL FALL TO ITS DOOM!"
BY KEEPING ME HERE YOU HAVE SENTENCED ME TO DEATH, KNUCKLES!
BUT BEFORE I DIE I SHALL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF DESTROYING YOU!
ARGGH!
WHAM!
ZACHARY, YOU ARE REALLY STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES, YOU KNOW THAT?

LET'S SEE HOW TOUGH YOU ARE WITHOUT YOUR PRECIOUS ARMOUR!
SPAKK!
NO!
KN...KNUCKLES... I'M AN OLD ECHIDNA... YOU WOULDN'T HIT ME, WOULD YOU? IT'S MY HEART, YOU SEE...
A MINOR TREMOR HITS THE ISLAND AND —
NOOOO!
ZACHARY!
KRAK!
I CAN'T SEE HIM... TOO MUCH CLOUD! I GUESS HE'S GONE!
I COULD GLIDE DOWN TO SAFETY IF I WANTED.. BUT THIS IS MY ISLAND AND I'M STAYING HERE TILL THE FINISH!
WAIT A MINUTE... THE ROBOT'S HEAD, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE?
WHAT THE HECK, IT'S WORTH A TRY!

MINUTES LATER, BACK IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER
IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, IT'S ALL OVER!
WELL, HERE GOES..
IT... IT'S WORKING! THE ROBOT'S HEAD IS ACTING THE SAME WAY AS THE MASTER EMERALD... I CAN FEEL THE FLOATING ISLAND STARTING TO MOVE!
ONE DAY MY PEOPLE WILL RETURN AND I'LL BE HERE WAITING FOR THEM!
BUT NEXT TIME I'M GOING TO BE ASKING A FEW MORE QUESTIONS!
WE'RE LIFTING CLEAR OF THE MOUNTAIN! THE FLOATING ISLAND IS SAVED!
WHEW! THAT WAS WAY TOO CLOSE... AND I BLAME MYSELF!
I WAS SO EXCITED AT MEETING ONE OF MY OWN RACE THAT I NEVER GUESSED ZACHARY MIGHT BE EVIL!
The End
NEXT ISSUE. A BRAND NEW KNUCKLES ADVENTURE!

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Lambeth Country Show, London (Free)

Ealing Summer Festival London (Kids £5)

Seaham Summer Festival Co. Durham (Free)

AUGUST

Portsmouth & Southsea Show (Kids £3/Adults £5)

The Millennium Carnival, Birmingham

Ashfield Show 2000, Mansfield (Free)

The Bolton Show (Free)

Liscard Alive 2000, The Wirral (Free)

The Rose of Tralee, Eire (Free)

The Sheffield Show (Kids £2/Adults £3)

Ould Lammas Fair, Northern Ireland (Free)

SEPTEMBER

Bristol International Kite Festival (Free)

The Hull Show (Free)

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SUPER SONIC Vs. COMMANDER BRUTUS!

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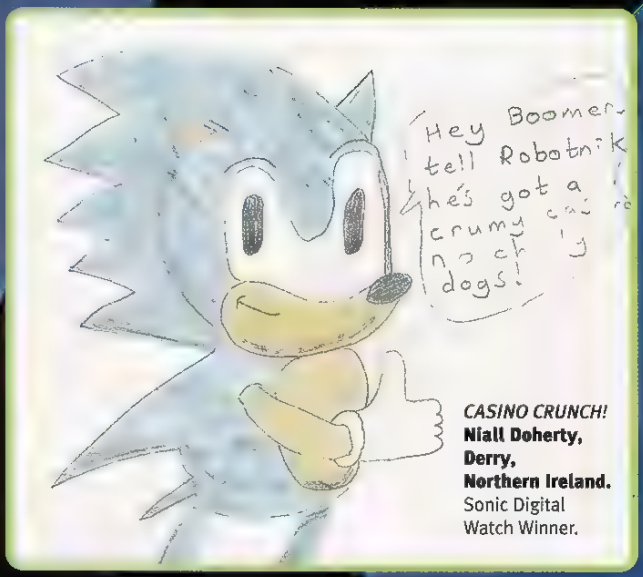
AUGUST HEROES!



CASINO CRUNCH!
Niall Doherty,
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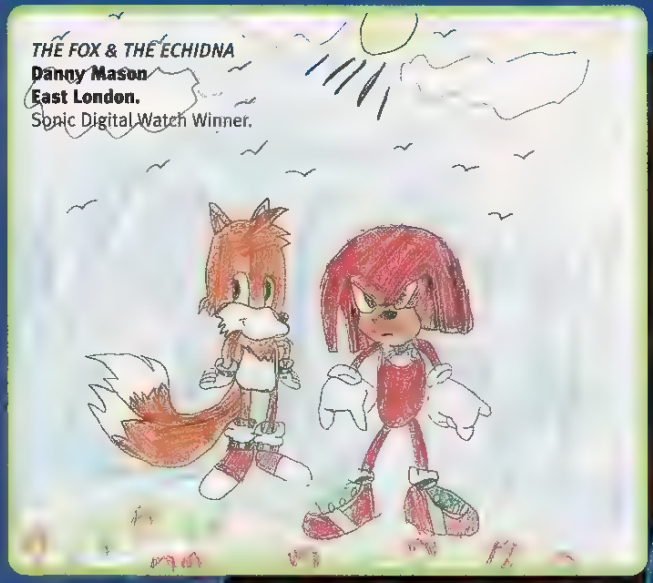
Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



THE FOX & THE ECHIDNA
Danny Mason
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Liam and Becky Reddihough,
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Anthony Jones,
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DEEP SEA SONIC
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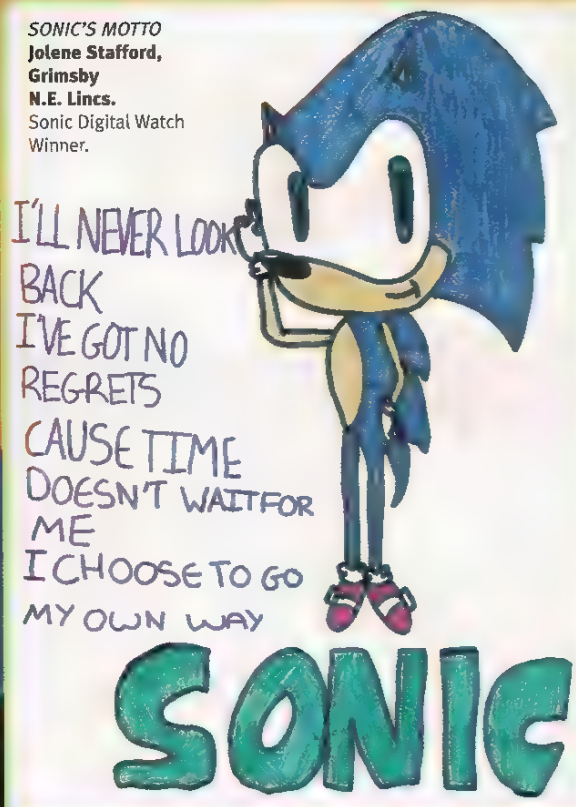

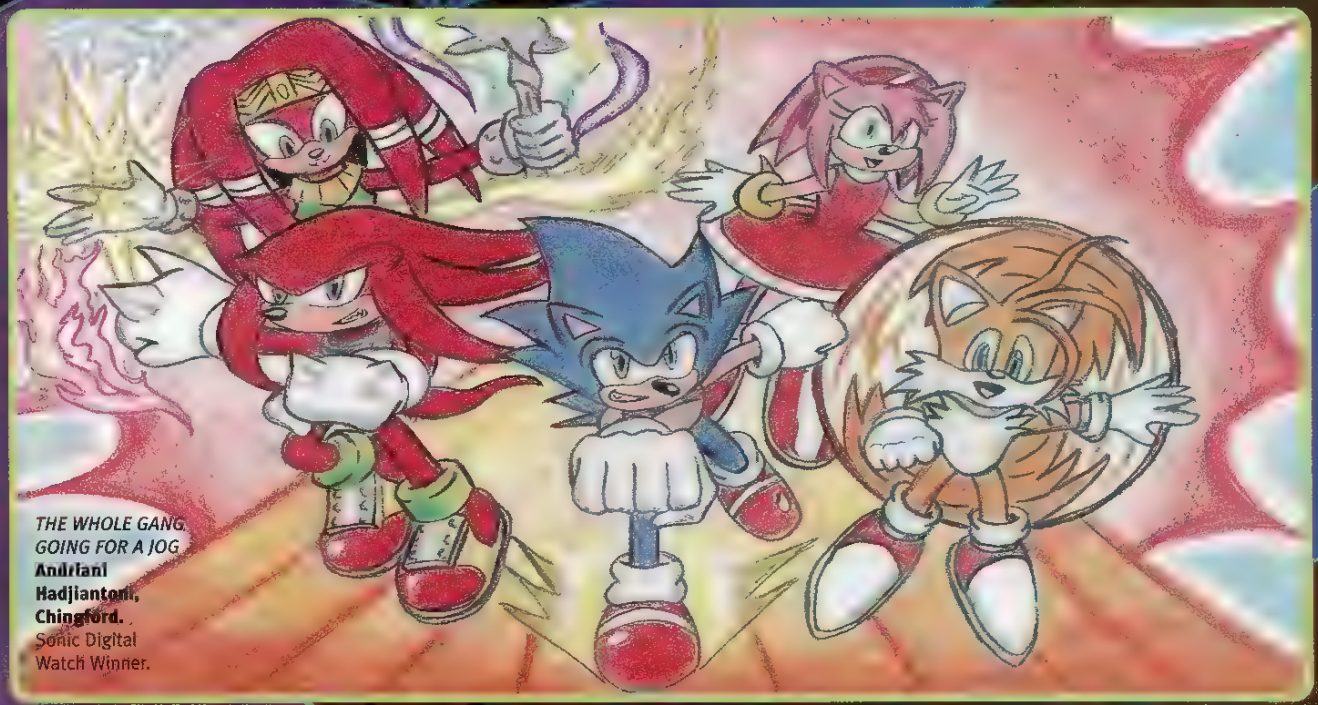

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TAILS
FLIP SIDE Part 1
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NEW STORY
WOW! LOOK! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE FLESH!
AND LOOK WHO'S WITH HIM!
YEAH! IT'S THAT ERM... FOX BLOKE!
RIGHT. THE NICE BUT BORING ONE!
WHATS-ISNAME... PAWS OR SOME-THING!
THE NAME'S TAILS ACTUALLY!
SORRY, NO OFFENCE MEANT!
SIGH. THEY NEVER FORGET WHO SONIC IS! WISH I WAS AS COOL AS HIM!

THAT MIGHT BE WORTH A TRY!
HEY, YOU! Boring? Untrendy?
Try Dr. Sorders Self-improvement lessons!
HEY, PIXEL BRAIN! MOVING ON TO THE GREEN-FIELD ZONE OR NOT?
YOU GO AHEAD, SONIC! I'VE, ERM, GOT THINGS TO DO!
HAH! PROBABLY FLOWER PRESSING OR SOMETHING EQUALLY JUST AS DULL!
WHOOOSH!
TAILS PAYS DOCTOR SORDERS A VISIT...
RELAX TAILS, AND WATCH THE ENERGY LIGHTS AS THEY REVOLVE!
BUT HOW WILL A SUNBED IMPROVE MY CONFIDENCE, DOCTOR?
I ASSURE YOU, TAILS, IT'S NOT A SUNBED! IT'S TO HYPNOTISE YOU! SO BLANK YOUR MIND AND JUST RELAX! YOU'RE FEELING SLEEPY...
YAWN. Sleepy...

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, TAILS... YOU'RE ONE COOL FOX...
...COOL... COOL... COOL...
SOON AFTER..
NOW, REMEMBER, YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE, TAILS HOW DO YOU FEEL?
WOW! I FEEL GOOD!
WHY, CAN'T YOU TELL? I'M ONE COOL FOX!
I THINK I MAY HAVE OVERDONE THE HYPNOSIS!
YEAH, DOC! EVERY-THING'S JUST GROOVY!
COME BACK! SOMETHING'S WRONG! YOU'RE ACTING TOO MUCH OUT OF CHARACTER!
LATER, IN THE GREENFIELD ZONE...
SONIC! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
WHAT'S THE SITUATION, ZONE LEADER?

ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE ALF BANDSTAND IS FLYING THE WORLD'S FIRST ROUND-THE-ZONES BALLOON FLIGHT, BUT HE'S IN TROUBLE!
Help!
WOODPECKER!
I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE HAVING A WOODPECKER FOR A CO-PILOT!
SORRY! FORCE OF HABIT!
MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE GROUND...
YO! SONIC MA HEDGEHOG! HOW'S IT HANGIN'?
TAILS? WHAT'S WITH THE BACK-TO-FRONT CAP AND SHADES?
DON'T YOU KNOW COOL WHEN YOU SEE IT, BLUE GUY?
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN COOL? YOU'RE JUST... A PIXEL BRAIN!
HEY, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD... TIMES ARE A CHANGING BUDDY!
EW! TAILS! YOU'RE THE COOLEST NOW!
I GOTTA BE DREAMING!

AHEM! IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY, SONIC! THE FOLK IN THE BALLOON COULD USE YOUR HELP!
NO SWEAT, ZONE LEADER! TAILS AND ME WILL SAVE THEM!
WE'RE GONNA CRASH! HELLLP!
TAILS! I NEED YOU TO FLY UP AND RESCUE THOSE GUYS! WHERE ARE YOU?
CHILL, SONIC! I'M HAVING MY TAILS BRUSHED! I DON'T WANNA RUFFLE MY FUR BY FLYING AROUND!
SNAP OUT OF IT, TAILS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
I'VE GOTTA MAKE TAILS SNAP BACK TO HIS OLD SELF OR THE DUDES IN THE FALLING BALLOON WILL END UP AS PAVEMENT PANCAKES!
NEXT ISSUE: SPLAT? DOES TAILS LOSE HIS COOL?

COMPETITION ZONE!

Yo, Boomers!

The competitions came thick and fast during STC issues 180-183! First there was the chance to win a Sega Dreamcast in my cool "Rayman 2 Compo". Then, Chewits Goodie Bags were up for grabs in the "Chewits Prize Draw". And issue 183 saw no less than five Dreamcasts and Sonic Adventure games to be won in my boomtastic "Sonic Adventure competition"! Printed here are the names of the winners. Look out for more great competitions soon!

STC ISSUE: 180

COMPETITION:
"Rayman 2 Competition"
(Win A Sega Dreamcast)

WINNER:
Daniel Hollowed, Harrogate.

STC ISSUE:183

COMPETITION:
"Sonic Adventure Competition"
(Win 5 Sega Dreamcasts and Sonic Adventure games)

WINNERS:

James Bacon, Doncaster.
Martin Coia, South Yorkshire.
Lewis Gott, Lincs.
Christopher Weaver, Notts.
Yann Moffit, Essex.

STC ISSUE:181

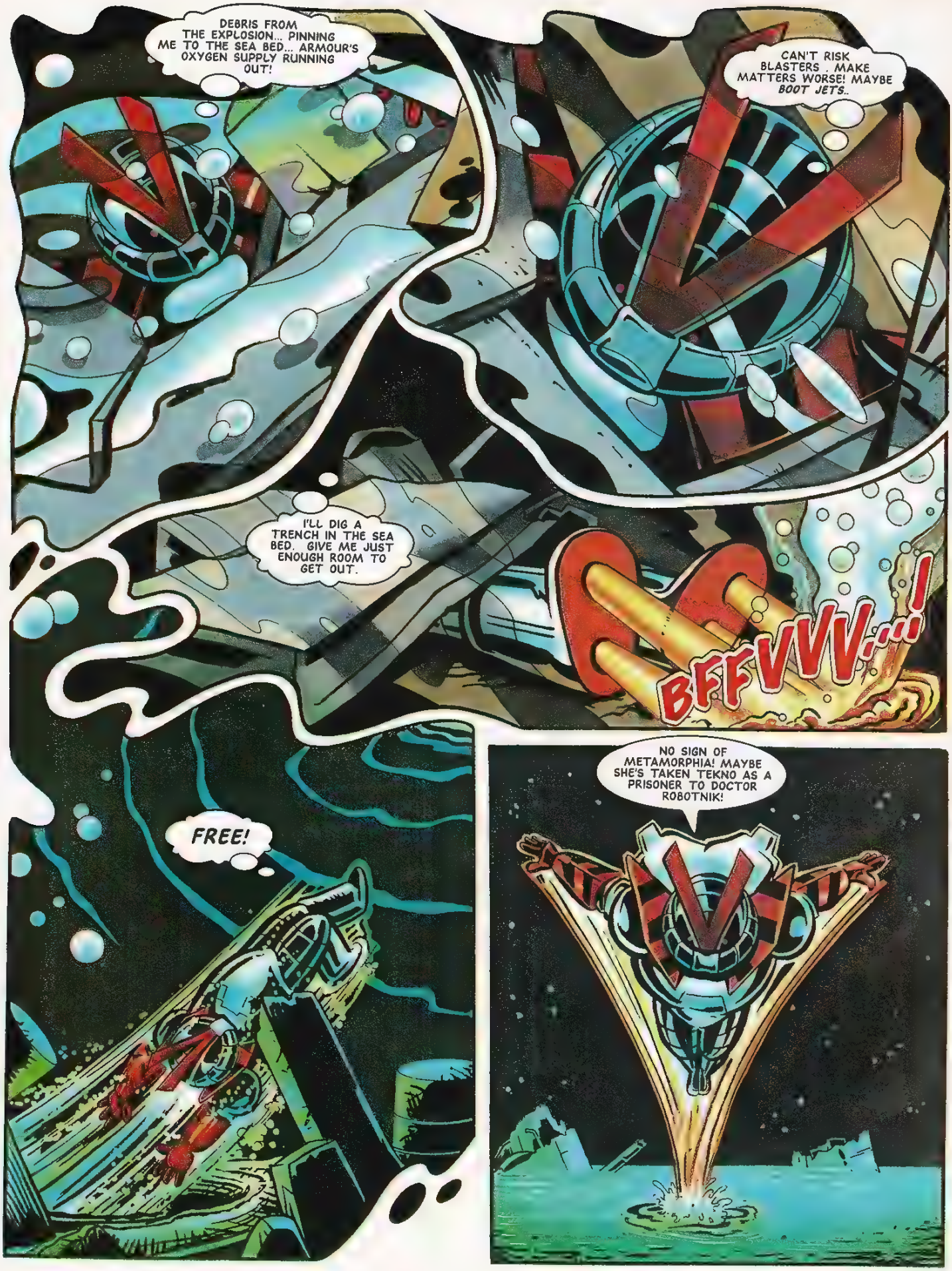
COMPETITION:
"Chewits Prize Draw"
(Win 5 Goodie Bags)

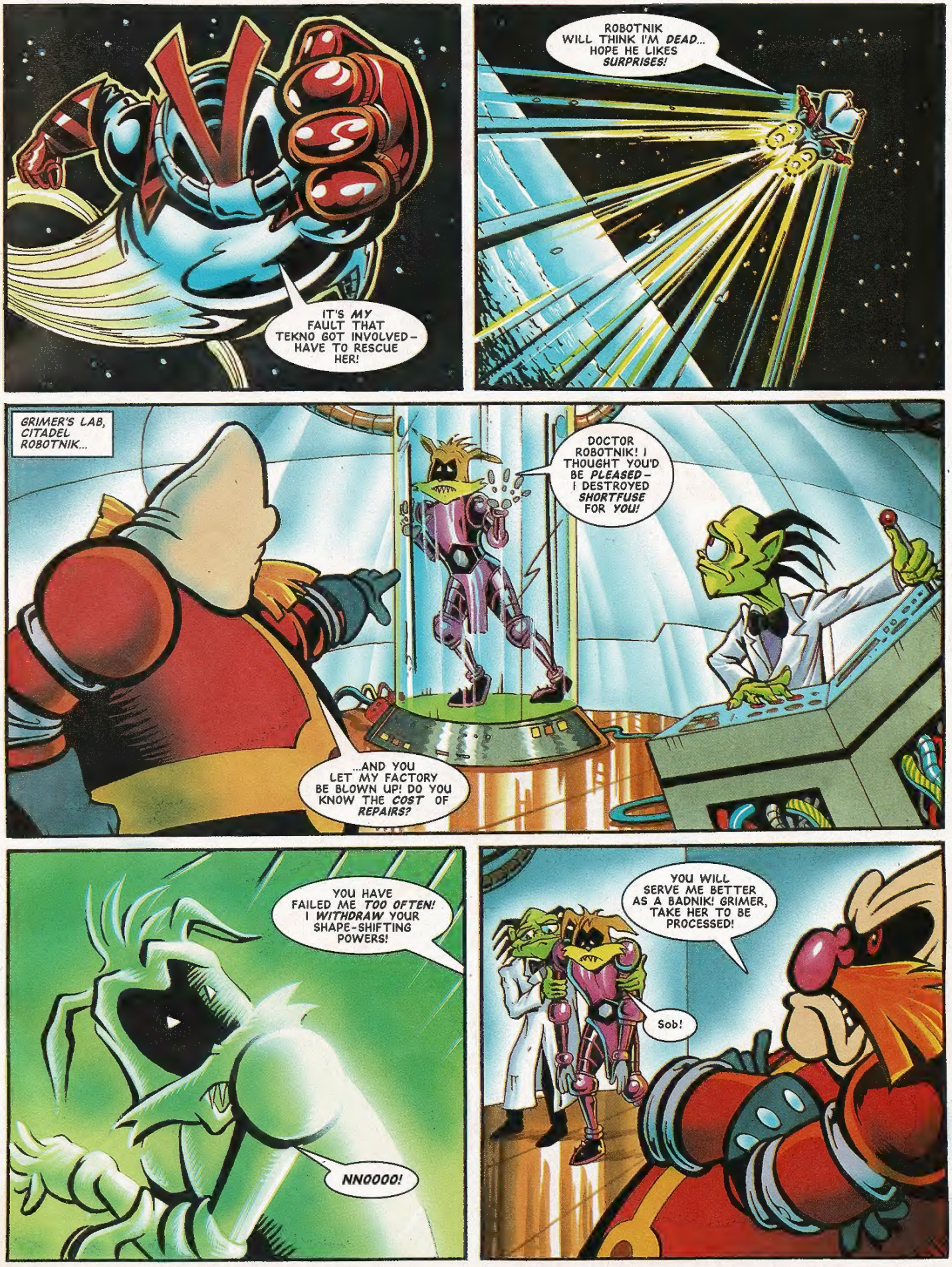
WINNERS:

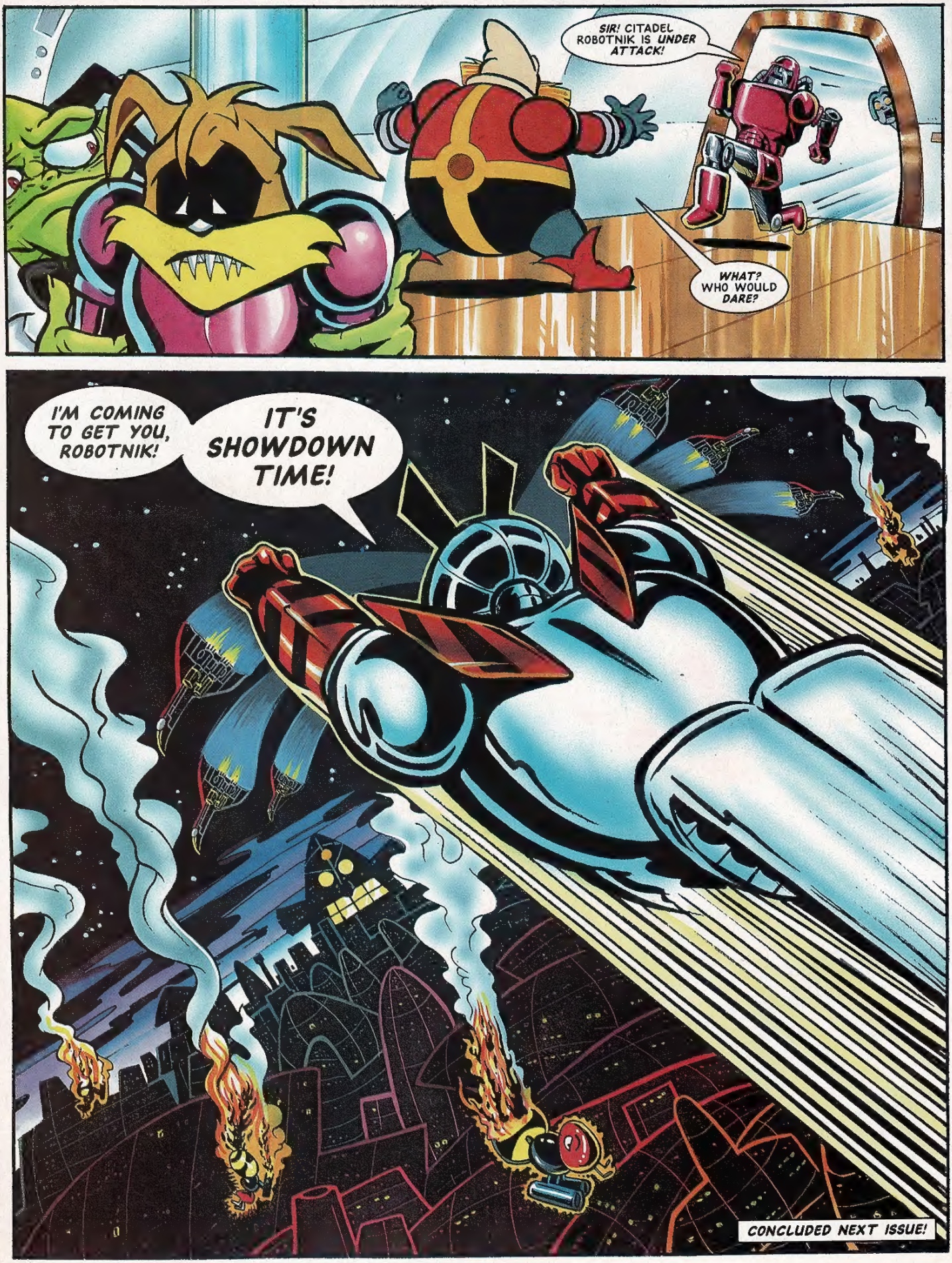
Matthew Badham, East Sussex.
Llyr Jones, N. Wales.
Thomas Deacon, Wiltshire.
Joshua Ajibade, London.
Liam Humphreys, Zimbabwe.

FREEDOM FIGHTER SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK HAS BEEN LEFT FOR DEAD IN AN EXPLOSION AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE! NOW, AT CITADEL ROBOTNIK, HEART OF THE METROPOLIS ZONE...
METAMORPHIA IS HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR... WITH A PRISONER!
WELL, SEND THEM IN, RECEPTIONIK!
IF IT ISN'T TEKNO! EX-ENGINEER TURNED TRAITOR!
GET LOST, CONEHEAD!
SONIC's WORLD
CYBERNIK STRIKES BACK
Part 1
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: CARL FLINT & JOHN M BURNS
TUT, TUT! SUCH DEFIANCE WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED! I TRUST THE CYBERNIK IS DESTROYED, METAMORPHIA?
COMPLETELY, DOCTOR!
SWISHHH!
FIRST I USED MY SHAPE-SHIFTING ABILITIES TO ATTACK HIM AS AN ARMOURED WARRIOR...

THEN I TRIED TO CRUSH HIM WITH TENTACLES...
...AND THEN A FUNNY THING HAPPENED! THE BOMB THAT SHORTFUSE PLANTED DESTROYED HIM!
BOMB?
WHAT BOMB?
ERM... THE ONE THAT BLEW UP YOUR FACTORY IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE! Uip!
WHAAAT!
MEANWHILE, ON THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, SHORTFUSE IS ALIVE – BUT FOR HOW LONG?
UHNN. TRAPPED!


DEBRIS FROM THE EXPLOSION... PINNING ME TO THE SEA BED... ARMOUR'S OXYGEN SUPPLY RUNNING OUT!
CAN'T RISK BLASTERS . MAKE MATTERS WORSE! MAYBE BOOT JETS..
I'LL DIG A TRENCH IN THE SEA BED. GIVE ME JUST ENOUGH ROOM TO GET OUT.
BFFVVV...!
FREE!
NO SIGN OF METAMORPHIA! MAYBE SHE'S TAKEN TEKNO AS A PRISONER TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


IT'S MY FAULT THAT TEKNO GOT INVOLVED – HAVE TO RESCUE HER!
ROBOTNIK WILL THINK I'M DEAD... HOPE HE LIKES SURPRISES!
GRIMER'S LAB, CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE PLEASED – I DESTROYED SHORTFUSE FOR YOU!
...AND YOU LET MY FACTORY BE BLOWN UP! DO YOU KNOW THE COST OF REPAIRS?
YOU HAVE FAILED ME TOO OFTEN! I WITHDRAW YOUR SHAPE-SHIFTING POWERS!
NNOOOO!
YOU WILL SERVE ME BETTER AS A BADNIK! GRIMER, TAKE HER TO BE PROCESSED!
Sob!


SIR! CITADEL ROBOTNIK IS UNDER ATTACK!
WHAT? WHO WOULD DARE?
I'M COMING TO GET YOU, ROBOTNIK!
IT'S SHOWDOWN TIME!
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